

NEWS OF KANSAS.

Much Gossip Made by a Mock Marriage at Lawrence.

Meeting of State Horticultural Society at Ft. Scott.

OTHER STATE NEWS.

Kinsley Imports Winchesters to Meet Robbers With.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 13.—Society circles at the university have been stirred this week by the news of a mock marriage which occurred here last Sunday afternoon, in which two of the students, who are prominent in society circles, were the principals.

The Ladies' Boarding club on South Ohio street was the scene of the festivities. Two gentlemen, Messrs. Withington and Bowker of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, were invited by the young ladies to dine with them at the club on Sunday. After dinner someone suggested that they have a mock wedding. Mr. J. H. Withington of Humboldt, Kan., was to be the groom, and Miss Carrie Gertrude Leverett the bride. The preparations were completed and Mr. Frank Bowker, who is chaplain at the Beta chapter house, made the happy couple one. Congratulations were given by those present. When, however, it was hinted that the marriage was probably legal, the young "bridal couple" looked very serious.

It is a question as to whether the marriage would not be declared to be legal by the court, and the young people are in a very uneasy state of mind.

What seemed to be a very unique joke has turned out to be the gossip of the university and the town.

DISCUSSED SOILS.

State Horticultural Society Recommends a State Geologist to Inspect Farms.

Fort Scott, Dec. 13.—Papers by State Geologist H. A. Johnston, City, "Geology and Soils," and by R. F. Smith of Lawrence on "Strawberries by Irrigation," were read before the State Horticultural society in session here.

President Houck invited the visiting fruit growers of Missouri to participate in the discussion. The "root" system of propagation was denounced as a "snare and a delusion" by resolution. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this society, provision should be made by law for the appointment of a geologist, whose duty it should be to make a physical survey of the state of Kansas with special reference to its soils, to describe and classify them according to their character in the various districts, and to indicate by maps the local situation of each class of soil.

MRS. LEASE MAN HAVE TO PAY IT. The Populist Committee Won't Pay Her Hotel Expenses.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 13.—The Populist county central committee has failed to pay the hotel expenses of Mary E. Lease while she was here making speeches.

The committee promised to pay her expenses, but for some reason the hotel bill was overlooked. The proprietor sent the bill to the committee several times, but no attention was paid to it. He finally sent a statement to Mrs. Lease. Yesterday the secretary received a letter from her saying that if the committee had any regard for its word it would pay the bill. If not, then she would pay it.

Kinsley Armed for Thieves.

KINSELEY, Dec. 13.—Owing to the numerous holdups and robberies being committed, the business men of Kinsley held a meeting and appointed a committee to promptly offer a reward in case of violent acts. Arms ordered were received, consisting of one dozen improved Winchester rifles, a half dozen Winchester shot guns and numerous revolvers, which are located at different advantageous places.

A Lawrence Home Burned.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 13.—The home of Dr. E. D. Phillips of this city was completely destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$4,000, including the doctor's library, which is valued at about \$800. Insurance \$2,000. Mrs. Phillips was badly burned about the face and hands in trying to put out the fire.

Being Anti-Toxine at Abilene.

ABILENE, Dec. 13.—Several cases of diphtheria have broken out in the past two weeks and two deaths have resulted. Severe cases are reported and the county commissioners have secured a small shipment of anti-toxine serum which was first used last night.

Atchison's Street Railway Sued.

ATCHISON, Dec. 13.—The Brush Electric company has sued the Atchison Electric street railway and lighting company for \$3,000. The claim is for supplies alleged to have been furnished to complete the plant.

Sigma Chi Initiates.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 13.—The Sigma Chi fraternity held a successful initiation on Tuesday evening at their rooms in the opera house building. George Kinsley, of Paola, was taken in. The fraternity now numbers seventeen.

Oil and Gas at Oswego.

OSWEGO, Dec. 13.—Yesterday H. C. Draper discovered oil at a depth of 75 feet. Gas was found last Saturday at 650 feet, and the flow has continued to grow stronger ever since.

Frontenac Lump and Egg Coal.

While this coal is nothing new in this city, the preparation of it for domestic use is. The lump coal that we are offering for this purpose passes over a large screen, through which the egg coal passes. (It will insure the lump coal absolutely free from small coal and slack.) The egg coal is then screened again, and is of excellent quality for stove and grate use, running even in size. Give it a trial.

THE SOUTH-WESTERN FUEL COMPANY, 634 Kansas Avenue.

For Over Fifty Years Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for teething. It soothes, softens the gums, allays pain, cures colic. Best remedy for diarrhoea. 25 cents a bottle.

M'CASEY ARRESTED.

Mrs. Kneiberg Charges the Superintendent with Striking Her.

Dr. McCassey, superintendent of the state insane asylum, was arrested this morning on a warrant sworn out by the assistant superintendent, Mrs. Dr. Kneiberg, charging him with assault and battery.

The warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace C. P. Bolmar of Potwin and a constable went out to the asylum and placed the doctor under arrest. He was taken before Justice Bolmar. He gave bond and the case was continued to next Tuesday.

The charge is assault and battery. Dr. Kneiberg charges that day before yesterday Dr. McCassey struck her twice on the arm just as she was leaving the dining room.

Another Tale of Woe.

Still another chapter was commenced in the asylum muddle this afternoon when Captain J. G. Waters went before Judge Johnson in the Shawnee county circuit court and secured an injunction to prevent the state board of charities from electing successors to Mrs. Dr. Kneiberg, assistant superintendent, and Mrs. Emma D. Pack, matron. A temporary restraining order was granted and made returnable Dec. 27th.

The petition charges that N. M. Hinchshaw, Walter N. Allen and Mrs. Mary E. Lease entered into a conspiracy to secure the removal of Mrs. Kneiberg and Mrs. Pack from their positions. The statement is made that the three members of the state board of charities named went to Mrs. Kneiberg and Mrs. Pack and told them that if they would offer their resignations, Dr. McCassey would also, and that they would refuse to accept their resignations but would accept McCassey's. They say that notwithstanding this fact, their resignations were accepted, and now they are asked to vacate their offices.

NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

W. C. Sly is still seriously sick and is unable to leave his bed.

The Harrison Telephone people are erecting their poles on this side.

W. H. Wason will hereafter take an active part in the business which bears his name.

Major and Mrs. R. W. Jenkins, who have been spending some time in Kansas City, have returned.

Blue post G. A. R. is expecting an unusually large meeting tomorrow night, when occurs the annual election of officers.

Scarlet fever has become epidemic in the vicinity of Shurey and it has become necessary to close the schools out there on account of it.

Try a ton of Camden coal. E. P. Ewart, 1012 Kansas avenue.

T. M. James has returned from his farm, where he has been engaged in protecting the large orchard which he planted last fall from the depredations of rabbits.

The workmen laying the new bridge floor found four stringers together that were almost worthless from decay. It was considered a matter of surprise that they had resisted the weight of the loads which passed over them daily.

Real estate men are jubilant over the prospect of business in their line. They say the number of cash buyers of desirable lots and farms is increasing all the time. Much more building is in progress also than for a long time, and more is in prospect. Judge N. C. McFarland will build on his property, corner of Harrison and Norris, and H. W. Cheney, the dairyman from north of the city, is receiving bids for the erection of a handsome residence on the southeast corner of Harrison and Morse.

NO WATER, NO PAY.

Residents of Martin & Dennis Addition to Retain the Collection of Taxes.

While the council is agitating the question of lower water rates there is another matter connected with the city water supply which will probably soon be brought to the attention of the city law makers by a lawsuit.

Thomas H. Bain and others who pay taxes in Martin & Dennis' addition where there is no water make no payment, and are determined to find out why they must pay taxes for the support of the water company and to afford fire protection for the rest of the city without receiving any benefit.

Mr. Bain says he will commence injunction proceedings to prevent the collection of the taxes for the city water supply.

WILL GO UNPUNISHED.

The Reichstag Committee Refuses to Prosecute Socialists for Not Cheering.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—The standing orders committee of which Herr Singer, the socialist leader is chairman, to which was referred the application of the public prosecutor to punish the socialist members of the reichstag who refused to rise and cheer for the emperor last Thursday, by a vote of 9 to 4 has rejected the proposition to prosecute Herr Leibknicht for his recent utterances.

The budget debate was resumed today. During the course of a long speech Dr. Von Boetticher, the secretary of state for the interior, said that he did not agree with the proposal to increase the income tax and that he was strongly opposed to social democracy and anarchism.

BRIDGE WORK DELAYED.

No Work Has Been Done on the Kansas Avenue Bridge for a Week.

The time allowed by the council to complete the repairs on the Kansas avenue bridge ends tomorrow and the work is only fairly commenced, 800 of the 900 feet only having been repaired.

No work has been done on the bridge since last Friday night. The contractor has been waiting for lumber and it has not yet been received.

The work already done is very satisfactory and when it is completed the bridge will be in a comparatively safe condition.

Damaged by Fire.

Fire broke out this afternoon in the house at 701 Lane street occupied by E. H. Ward. The building was a story and half structure and was badly damaged, but not destroyed.

Messrs. Hinckley, Groat, Pegues, Schwartz, Jenness, Torrington and Wood will sing solos in the Kindergarten Minstrels.

FAVOR MORE CADETS

Senate Committee Recommends Increase of West Point Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Senator Rife, chairman of the board of visitors to the West Point Military academy, today presented the report of the board to the senate. The report takes strong ground in favor of a change of the law which will increase the number of cadets to 469 or one cadet for each senator and representative and 20 for the president, which is about 550.

It is admitted that this increase would probably result in a larger number of graduates than could find officers' places in the army, but it is suggested that as the additional cost would be slight, the country could well afford to increase the number for the benefit to be derived in a purely educational way.

The report adds: "However pacific may be the theoretic policy of this country, the fact remains that about one sixth of its past existence as a nation has been spent in a state of war; and in that period of strife no consideration could be taken of periods of riot and insurrection from the whiskey rebellion to the Pullman troubles, during which many millions of dollars worth of property and many valuable lives were sacrificed to the imaginary pacific policy of the best fighting people on earth." "While the board has nothing but praise for the theoretical instruction in the academy, in most respects it finds fault with the 'haunting English,' the lack of facility of expression on the part of many cadets," which it says is "painfully apparent."

CARL SCHURZ RE-ELECTED.

Made President of the National Civil Service Reform League.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Carl Schurz was today re-elected president of the National Civil Service Reform league. George McNamany of New York was elected secretary and Silas W. Burt of New York treasurer.

Mr. Schurz said today to a reporter: "The civil service reform idea has been advanced very much of late, and only by the order of the president putting a great many thousand employees of the government under civil service rules who formerly were not governed by them, but especially by a recognition among the people in larger circles of the necessity for introducing civil service reform in the management of their home governments and above all in municipal affairs."

"We find that in large cities, especially, it is found impossible to keep the municipal government honest and efficient by the influence of partisan politics, and subjected to civil service rules. This necessity is beginning to be recognized as never before, and already it is recognized in a large measure by the thinking men in every large city in the land."

SILOAM'S CELEBRATION

It Is To Be An Event of Unusual Pleasure.

Silom lodge of Masons is preparing for a big time tonight at the Masonic temple on Jackson street. It is the event of their annual meeting and banquet. The lodge will work in the third degree in the evening and afterward the ladies will be invited to the banquet room where a spread will be enjoyed. Then there will be responses to toasts by the members to close the banquet. Several ex-members of the lodge are expected from Chicago. Beautiful programmes and invitations have been sent out and the members are determined to make the event a great success.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

Motion to Recommit the Urgency Deficiency Bill Defeated in the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—In the senate Mr. Hunt of Virginia moved to take up the bill for the establishment of a university of the United States at Washington. Mr. Hunt addressed the senate on the bill.

Mr. Blackburn moved that when the senate adjourns today it be to meet on Monday. Then the friends of the Nicaragua canal attempted to call up the bill and the motion was beaten—23 to 22.

LOCAL MENTION.

Weatherman Jennings thinks, from his charts and reports and things, that it will be even warmer here tomorrow.

The county commissioners are considering bids for the furniture of the new court house, but have not yet awarded the contract.

Fire Marshal Wilmarth will put ladders up at the Masonic building for use in case of fire. There are no fire escapes on the front of the building.

The police this afternoon arrested a young man named Mike Conley, who is wanted at St. Marys for jail breaking. He was serving a sentence there for assault. The quarrel was over a township election and Conley was cut fourteen times.

Vanderbilt Reconciled.

New York, Dec. 13.—The Commercial Advertiser prints a report this afternoon that a reconciliation has been effected between Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt.

Today's Appointment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The president today dominated Johnson C. Clements of Georgia to be interstate commerce commissioner.

If you want to see a first class minstrel show go to the Grand Friday and Saturday nights.

Peerless Steam Laundry — Peerless Steam Laundry.

We'll expect to see you at the Kindergarten Minstrels, Friday and Saturday nights, at the Grand.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Montreal's big bridge is almost two miles long.

The Hindoos have known Venus 2,700 years. They call her Sukkar.

Paris green is made by dissolving white arsenic and acetate of copper separately in boiling water and mixing while boiling.

Fire is sometimes put out by throwing in it a very combustible powder, which quickly fills the room with gas and smothers out the fire.

A century ago there was not a mile of telegraph or telephone wire in existence, not a foot of railroad, nor a modern steam engine, nor a steamship.

GOULDS TO GIVE A BALL.

The George Gould Family Will Not Go Into Society.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—There is no question that much of the social interest in this city centers this season in Mrs. Gould, and in consequence her ball, to be given in January, may be regarded as the most important function of the winter.

January 8 they will open their residence on upper Fifth avenue, No. 857, for the first time for quite a period, and then immediately issue the invitations for their dance. Mrs. Gould will at her ball have with her her young sisters-in-law, Miss Helen Gould and Miss Annie Gould, who, as the greatest heiresses in New York, will certainly receive their share of attention.

WON'T DO ANYTHING.

This Congress Will Pass Appropriation Bills, Says Teller, That's All.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Senator Henry M. Teller, the silver Republican from Colorado, speaking on the political and congressional outlook, said:

"It does not look to me as if we shall do anything but pass the appropriation bills. We need financial legislation badly enough, but neither Secretary Carlisle's plan nor what is known as the Baltimore plan is feasible. In fact Mr. Carlisle's plan is absurd. I have talked with several leading bankers in New York since I have been here, and have not run across one yet who favors it."

THE DEMPSEY-RYAN MILL.

Dempsey Is in Good Condition, but Ryan Is Favorite.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—Jack Dempsey, the famous boxer, who is to meet Tommy Ryan in a glove contest before the Auditorium club in this city next Saturday evening, reached here today from Savannah, where he has been training. Dempsey is apparently in perfect condition.

Ryan has been made the favorite in the betting by the Chicago and Detroit contingents, but Dempsey stock will probably improve. The Bowen and Lavigne contest occurs tonight.

FUNERAL OF REES PRICE.

It Was Honored by a Big Delegation from Hutchinson.

The remains of Rees R. Price, son of John R. Price of this city, who died at Hutchinson Monday, were brought to Topeka at 2:30 this afternoon.

The funeral services were held at Hutchinson this morning and a large delegation of Masons accompanied the body to Topeka. Topeka Royal Arch Masons met the train and marched to the Topeka cemetery where the interment took place.

Kindergarten Minstrels Friday and Saturday. Admission, 50 cents.

Flagg and Reed, the fancy dancers, in the Kindergarten Minstrels Friday and Saturday.

Rock Island Playing Cards. No. 601 Kans. Ave.

Kindergarten Minstrels Friday and Saturday. Admission, 50 cents.

On Friday and Saturday the entertainment prepared by the Kindergarten Minstrel association will be presented at the Grand. It will consist of the customary first act with its songs and jokes, though these as well as the costumes and settings will, it is believed, be new and unusual. In the specialty part, the best artists in that line in the city have been procured. As a conclusion, Miss Georgia Brown of Lawrence, aided by her daughter Miss Eva, Miss Wilcox, and Messrs. Dana, Pierce, and Palmer will present the one act piece, "My Lord in Livery."

It is hoped by the Minstrel association that the people of Topeka will give them good patronage and aid their efforts for the benefit of the Kindergarten. They are confident that all who attend will enjoy a delightful entertainment, and judging from the personnel of the company and the strenuous efforts that have been made by all, their confidence would seem well placed.

To Consumers of Coal. Have you given the Los Cerrillos anthracite coal trial this season. If not it would be well to do so, because:

First—You save \$1.00 on each ton in the price.

Second—The results obtained from this coal are equal to those of the very best grades of Pennsylvania anthracite, and in some respects it has an advantage over Pennsylvania. We can satisfy you as to this if you will call at our office.

Third—It is a western product in which the Santa Fe is interested, and the enterprise should be encouraged by western people. Give this coal a trial and you will not use anything else.

THE SOUTHWESTERN FUEL CO. 634 Kansas Avenue. Telephone 193.

Call at Once. If you want Xmas photographs. Snyder's Art gallery.

New jokes, new songs, new costumes, in the Kindergarten Minstrels Friday and Saturday.

This Is an Advertisement. Of Snow's Pine Expectant, guaranteed cure for coughs, colds and all bronchial troubles. Price 25c and 50c bottle. For sale by all druggists.

Kindergarten Minstrels Friday and Saturday. Admission, 50 cents.

See Scully's specialties in the Kindergarten Minstrels Friday and Saturday.

You cannot afford to miss the vocal attractions to be seen in the Kindergarten Minstrels on Friday and Saturday.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—Girl or boy to work in candy store. 724 Kansas ave.

TO TRADE—Eggs water (ladies size) for shot gun. 212 east 7th st.

WANTED—At once, lady to do general office work. 222 Kansas ave.

FOR TRADE—Road cart of medium weight, for a lighter one. Thos. H. Bain, 724 Kansas ave.

FIRST class photograph concerts at reasonable rates given in connection with lodge, church, schools, etc. References given, rates reasonable. Address E. H. Burton, 300 west 6th street.

WANTED—At once 18 car repairers. Cheap rates. 410 Kansas ave.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

FRED CLOSE'S ENGLISHMAN

The One Who Is to Furnish the Railroad Money Arrives at Galveston.

Galveston, Dec. 13.—Mr. F. C. Dunn, financial agent of the London syndicate which is figuring on taking the bonds of the Gulf and Interstate railway, reached Galveston from London. Mr. D. J. Mackey, who was in London with Mr. Dunn, and Mr. Charles of the King-Charles company, who have the contract to lay the patent combination steel rail and tie on the road, were expected to arrive in Galveston during last night.

Asked the direct question if the English people would or would not make the loan, Mr. Dunn replied that they would under amended conditions. Beyond this Mr. Dunn declined to discuss the subject until after the meeting of the interstate directors.

POLICE RAID "210."

Miss Tack of Jackson Street Entertained by a Second Whirl Lungeing King.

The protest of the twenty-four women on Jackson street near Second in regard to the disorderly house at 210 bore certain fruit last evening when the police raided the place and caught Lil Tack, or Pier, and Henry Reardon.

Sergeant Steele and Officers Campbell and Pickens surrounded the house last night and Steele knocked at the door. He was admitted and Reardon made a bold break to get out the back way. He ran directly into the arms of Officer Campbell.

Reardon has been entertaining Lil in her solitude by singing "The Fatal Wedding," in a good strong voice all morning while she listens through the wall.

Charles Lindsey has been busy all day subpoenaing witnesses, and thirty women will appear in court tomorrow morning to tell what interesting things they know about the house at 210.

EVANS' PLURALITY 748.

The Official Vote for Governor of Tennessee Made Public.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 13.—Secretary of State Morgan today made public the official vote for governor. The figures give Evans, Republican, 150,104; Turney, Democrat, 104,536, and Mills, Populist, 23,692. Evans' plurality is therefore 748.

There will doubtless be a contest for the governorship before the legislature.

MORE GOLD TO SHIP

Two Millions are Already Engaged for Saturday's Steamers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Lazard Freres will ship one million in gold by Saturday's steamer.

Baring, Magoun & Co. will ship \$500,000 to France on Saturday. Lazard Freres will ship \$500,000 in addition to the one million announced. The total thus far engaged for shipment for Saturday is \$2,000,000.

The disagreeable Longdon case was completed this morning and was submitted to the jury this afternoon. Longdon has attempted to prove an alibi, the success of which is doubtful. Both sides accuse the other of wholesale perjury and total depravity.

Make your arrangements to spend an evening with the Kindergarten Minstrels Friday and Saturday.

Kindergarten Minstrels Friday and Saturday. Admission, 50 cents.

Come and hear the Aeolian Mandolin club at the Kindergarten Minstrels Friday and Saturday.

Bishop McNamara. The Converted Priest's lecture tonight in his hall on "The Treatment of Women" promises to be of great interest to ladies and gentlemen, and large crowds are expected. Admission 15 cents.

The Lotus club will sing in the Kindergarten Minstrels Friday and Saturday.

Kindergarten Minstrels Friday and Saturday. Admission, 50 cents.

Chicago Grain Market. WHEAT—Cash and Dec. 54½c; May, 50c; July, 50½c; 5½c.

CORN—Cash and Dec. 47c; Jan. 47½c; May, 50c; July 60c.

GRAIN—Cash and Dec. 29½c; Jan. 29½c; May, 32½c; 5½c bid.

PORK—Dec. and Jan. \$12.00; May \$12.32½.

LARD—Dec. \$6.87½; Jan. \$6.95; May, \$7.12½.

HAMS—Dec. and Jan. \$5.07½; May, \$5.20½; 22½.

BAKLEY—Choice 55; medium 52; common 47½c.

RYE—Cash and Dec. 49c; May 52½c; 50c.

FLAXSEED—Cash \$1.50; Dec. \$1.48; May \$1.45.

TIMOTHY—Cash at \$5.55½ to \$5.60.

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